APOCALYPTIC HORSEPLAY

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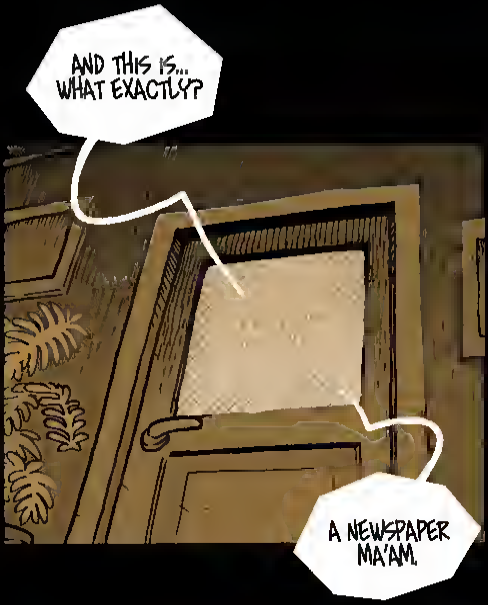
AND THIS IS... WHAT EXACTLY?
A NEWSPAPER MA'AM.

A NEWSPAPER THAT REPORTS SOLELY ON POSITIVE EVENTS AND GOOD DEEDS OCCURING ACROSS THE GLOBE.
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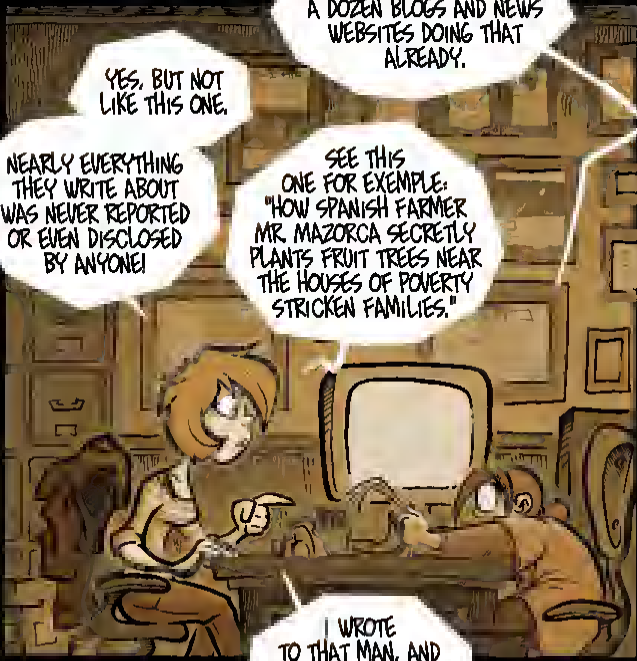
WELL THAT'S... ODD. BUT CERTAINLY NOT ORIGINAL.
I KNOW OF AT LEAST A DOZEN BLOGS AND NEWS WEBSITES DOING THAT ALREADY.
YES, BUT NOT LIKE THIS ONE.
SEE THIS ONE FOR EXEMPLE: "HOW SPANISH FARMER MR MAZORCA SECRETLY PLANTS FRUIT TREES NEAR THE HOUSES OF POVERTY STRICKEN FAMILIES."
NEARLY EVERYTHING THEY WRITE ABOUT WAS NEVER REPORTED OR EVEN DISCLOSED BY ANYONE!
I WROTE TO THAT MAN, AND HE CLAIMS HE NEVER TOLD A SOUL!

OR THIS ONE HERE. "GANG WAR AVERTED IN INDIA. THE LEADER OF ONE OF MUMBAI'S CRIME FAMILIES RECENTLY SUCCUMBED TO A FATAL LUNG DISEASE. BUT LEFT INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIS SUCCESSOR TO NEGOTIATE A RECONCILIATION WITH RIVAL GANG LEADERS."
"THESE HOWEVER WILL NOT BE FOUND UNTIL NEXT MONDAY."
HOW COULD ANYONE EVEN KNOW THAT?
IT'S LIKE THEY WERE THERE!
HM...

AND WHO WROTE THIS?
NO IDEA.
ALTHOUGH IT'S AVAILABLE WORLDWIDE, NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM.

BUT I SUSPECT IT ORIGINATED RIGHT HERE, IN THE TOWN OF READING, BERKSHIRE.
SEE THE TITLE?

I DON'T THINK THAT'S JUST A TITLE...
I THINK THAT'S THE LOCALITY!
Reading's

HMM...

LOOK, I CAN SEE YOU'RE VERY INVESTED IN THAT STORY...
BUT I JUST CAN'T RUN THIS UNLESS YOU BRING ME SOME SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO BACK IT UP.
BUT...

-SIGH-
I'M SORRY.
COME BACK WHEN YOU HAVE MORE.

IN THE MEANTIME, DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE FOR ME TO WRITE ABOUT?
I'VE BEEN IN TOWN FOR A FEW WEEKS NOW, AND I COULD REALLY USE A JOB.
HM... I DON'T KNOW.

RIGHT NOW WE'RE COVERING THAT BREAK-IN AT THE CDC LAB.
BUT I ALREADY HAVE MOST OF MY PEOPLE ON IT...
PLEASE, I'M FRESH OUT OF SCHOOL... I JUST NEED SOMEONE TO GIVE ME A CHANCE!
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING?

WELL... HANG ON.
SCOTT, CAN YOU COME HERE FOR A SEC?
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DID YOU EVER GET AROUND TO WRITING THAT STORY ABOUT THE HAUNTED PUB?
HEM...
WAS I SUPPOSED TO?

OKAY. THERE YOU GO. WE'VE BEEN GETTING A TONE OF MAIL ABOUT THIS PLACE. BUT NO ONE'S HAD THE CHANCE TO DO THE LEG WORK YET.
ARE YOU INTERESTED?
SURE! CONSIDER IT DONE.

EXCELLENT. SCOTT WILL SEND YOU THE DETAILS.
HI. I'M ANGELA.
NICE MEETING YOU.

YEAH. HI.
NICE KNOWING YOU.